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Subject: Re: East chicago lead 3

Slightly revised with correct ROD date. Note: RD not complete until mid-July 2016. On target for RA start in late summer 2016. EPA not dragging its feet simply working through a complex process to develop a sound design.

The U.S. EPA issued a Record of Decisions on November 30, 2012, that announced the proposed remedy. It referred the matter to the Department of Justice in early 2013 in order to start negotiations with private parties to secure funding for the cleanup. In 2014, EPA and DOJ finalized an agreement with two private entities to pay 100% of the costs for the cleanup. In late 2014 and continuing into 2015, EPA began to collect additional samples at the site in order to prepare remedial design documents for the cleanup. EPA completed all elements of the remedial design work in mid-July 2016. EPA is on track to begin the cleanup in the late summer of 2016. In early July 2016, EPA placed mulch over bare spots on lawns and in parks to reduce the threat to residents of direct contact with soils. It also began efforts to educate residents about steps they could take to reduce their risk of exposure to contaminated soils.

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The U.S. EPA issued a Record of Decisions on June 30, 2012, that announced the proposed remedy. It referred the matter to the Department of Justice in early 2013 in order to start negotiations with private parties to secure funding for the cleanup. In 2014, EPA and DOJ finalized an agreement with two private entities to pay 100% of the costs for the cleanup. In late 2014 and continuing into 2015, EPA began to collect additional samples at the site in order to prepare remedial design documents for the cleanup. EPA completed the remedial design work in late 2015/early 2016 (I will confirm with Berkoff). EPA was on track to begin the cleanup in the late summer of 2016. In July 2016, EPA placed mulch over bare spots on lawns and in parks to reduce the threat to residents of direct contact with soils. It also began (can we say "resumed") efforts to educate residents about steps they could take to reduce their risk of exposure to contaminated soils.

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The 2012 cleanup plan was for a remedial action (long-term action). The work that started in June was an interim response intended to mitigate exposure to high levels of lead in soils around the project. Others, please chime in ...

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We just received another question from the reporter regarding the site:

Is it correct a cleanup plan was proposed in 2012 but no action until June this year when the mulch coverup work started??

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